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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments, in particular, resolutions 48/223 B and C of 23 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions,[1]

1. Requests the Committee on Contributions to recommend to the General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, a scale of assessments for the period 1998-2000, on the basis of the following elements and criteria:

(a) Use of gross national product instead of net national income;

(b) A statistical base period of three years, with automatic annual updating;

(c) A ceiling rate of 20 per cent;

(d) Carrying the scale of assessments to six decimal places;

(e) Use of market exchange rates, except where this causes excessive fluctuations or distortions in the income of some Member States, when price-adjusted rates of exchange or other appropriate conversion rates should be employed;

[1] To be issued as A/51/11.

(f) Setting the low per-capita income relief gradient at 75 per cent;

(g) Non-eligibility of permanent members of the Security Council for relief based on low per-capita income;

2. Decides that the scheme of limits should be phased out in 1998 and that the allocation of additional points resulting therefrom to developing countries benefiting from its application be limited to 15 per cent of the effect of the phase out.